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Education: Ph.D. 1975, Kansas State University  
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### **Employment:**

Head, Department of History, Purdue University, 2003-

Professor and Director of the Graduate Program in Agricultural History and Rural Studies,  
Iowa State University, 1992-2003

Associate Professor and Director of the Graduate Program in Agricultural History and Rural  
Studies, Iowa State University, 1989-1992

Editor, Agricultural History, 1994-2003

Associate Director, The State Historical Society of Missouri, 1986-1989; Concurrent, Adjunct  
Professor of History, University of Missouri-Columbia

Curator of Agricultural History and Associate Editor, Timeline, The Ohio Historical Society,  
1978-1986; Concurrent, Adjunct Associate Professor of History, The Ohio State  
University, 1981-1986

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Texas Tech University, 1977-1978

Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of Science and Technology, 1976-1977

**Books:**

"The Great Plains at War, 1939-1945" (In progress and under contract for the University of Nebraska Press).

African American Life in the Rural South, 1900-1950. Editor. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2003.

Problems of Plenty: The American Farmer in the Twentieth Century. Chicago: Ivan Dee, 2002. Invited for the American Ways Series.

The Indian Frontier, 1763-1846. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2002. Invited for the Histories of the American Frontier Series.

American Agriculture: A Brief History. Rev. Ed. West Lafayette: Purdue University Press, 2002.

The Rural South Since World War II. Editor. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1998.

The Rural West Since World War II. Editor. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1998.

Nathan Boone and the American Frontier. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1998. Invited for the Missouri Biography Series.

The Ohio Frontier: Crucible of the Old Northwest, 1720-1830. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1996. Invited for the Trans-Appalachian Frontier History Series. History Book Club Selection, January 1997.

American Farms: Exploring Their History. Melbourne, FL: Krieger Pub. Co., 1996. Invited for the Exploring Community History Series.

American Agriculture: A Brief History. Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1994.

The History of Agricultural Science and Technology: An Annotated International Bibliography. New York: Garland Publishing, 1994. Invited for the Bibliographies on the History of Science and Technology Series.

Agriculture and Slavery in Missouri's Little Dixie. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1992. Co-winner of the Theodore Saloutos Award for 1992, presented by the Agricultural History Society for the best book in the field. Winner of the Missouri History Book Award for 1993, presented by the State Historical Society of Missouri for the best book in the field.

Agricultural Technology in the Twentieth-Century. Manhattan, Kansas: Sunflower Press, 1991. [Paperback subsidiary of the Journal of the West]. (Invited Manuscript).

The Department of Agriculture. New York: Chelsea House, 1989. Invited for the Know Your Government Series.

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Indian Agriculture in America: Prehistory to the Present. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1987.

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The Dust Bowl: An Agricultural and Social History. Chicago: Nelson-Hall, 1981.

### **Chapters:**

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"John Cleves Symmes and the Miami Purchase," in The Builders of Ohio, edited by Warren Van Tine and Michael Pierce. Columbus: Ohio State University, Forthcoming.

"The Settlement of the Midwest," Perspectives in American History. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2003.

"Midwestern Distinctiveness." in The American Midwest: Essays on Regional History, edited by Andrew Cayton and Susan Gray, pp. 160-79, 233-35. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2001.

"The Firelands: Land Speculation and the War of 1812." in The Sixty Years War for the Great Lakes, 1754-1814, edited by David Skaggs and Larry Nelson, pp. 303-23. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2001.

"Northern Agriculture Since the Civil War, 1865-1900," in Agriculture and National Development: Views on the Nineteenth Century, edited by Louis Ferleger, pp. 53-74. Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1990.

"Theodore Calvin Pease," in Historians of the American Frontier: A Bio-Bibliographical Sourcebook, edited by John R. Wunder, pp. 470-482. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1988.

"Ohio: Gateway to the Midwest," in Heartland: Comparative Histories of the Midwestern States, edited by James H. Madison, pp. 206-225. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1988.

“Foreword” for Farming in the Dust Bowl, by Lawrence Svobida, pp. 7-32. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1986.

“Technological Change in Twentieth Century Agriculture,” in Technology in the Twentieth Century, edited by Frank H. Coppa and Richard P. Harmond, pp. 49-71. Dubuque: Kendall Hunt Pub. Co., 1983.

“Agricultural Technology in the Dust Bowl, 1932-1940,” in The Great Plains: Environment and Culture, edited by Brian W. Blouet and Frederick C. Luebke, pp. 139-56. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1979.